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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM--MARCH 24 MEETINGS AND
WEOG MEETINGS

REF: A) USUN 839; B) USUN 878

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: BUREAU MET IMMEDIATELY PRIOR AM MARCH 24
COMMITTEE MEETING. AT BUREAU MEETING, PERSSON (SWEDEN)
GAVE CHAIRMAN (HOVEYDA) DRAFT OF WEOG PROPOSAL FOR CONCLUSION
OF COMMITTEE WORK. HOVEYDA INDICATED PREFERENCE TO WORK
FROM WEOG DRAFT RATHER THAN ALGERIAN PROPOSAL BECUASE OF
LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE. COMMITTEE ENDED GENERAL DEBATE AT
AM MEETING. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SYRIA, VENEZUELA, USSR, TUNISIA,
GREECE, AND UK MADE PREDICTABLE STEMMENTS. US, USSR,
TANZANIA AND UK EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY. DURING AND AFTER
COMMITTEE MEETING, HOVEYDA MET WITH US, UK, ALGERIA,
YUGOSLAVIA, AND OTHER DELEGATIONS TO GET AGREEMENT ON
CONCLUDING STATEMENT. FOLLOWING MEETING, HOVEYDA GAVE
UK AND US A COPY OF CONCLUDING SECTION FOR COMMITTEE REPORT
THAT INCORPORATED CHANGES TO WEOG PROPOSAL SUGGESTED BY
ALGERIA AND OTHERS. IN PM MARCH 24, WEO'S MET TO DISCUSS
HOVEYDA DRAFT. WEO'S DECIDED THAT DRAFT WAS UACCEPTABLE
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WITHOUT AMENDMENT AND PREPARED AMENDED DRAFT. END SUMMARY.

2. BUREAU OF COMMITTEE MET IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AM
MARCH 24 MEETING TO DISCUSS CONCLUSION OF WORK.
PERSSON (SWEDEN) GAVE CHAIRMAN (HOVEYDA) COPY OF
WEO PROPOSAL (REFTEL A) FOR CONCLUSION OF COMMITTEE
REPORT. PERSSON REPORTED THAT CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED

PREFERENCE FOR CONCLUDING WORK ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY PERSSON RATHER THAN ALGERIAN PROPOSAL (REFTEL B) BECAUSE OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE FOR NEGOTIATION. PERSSON SAID CHAIRMAN REMARKED THAT CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN WEO DRAFT TO ACCOMMODATE POSITIONS OF OTHERS.

3. COMMITTEE ENDED GENERAL DEBATE AT AM COMMITTEE MEETING. SEVEN STATES PARTICIPATED IN GENERAL DEBATE AND FOUR EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY. CZECHOSLOVAKIA STRESSED NEED TO STUDY CAUSES OF TERRORISM, SUPPORTED RIGHTS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND CALLED FOR SUPPORT FOR EXISTING CONVENTIONS. SYRIA MADE BRIEF STATEMENT REFERRING TO PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, CONDEMNING STATE TERRORISM, AFFIRMING RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, AND SUPPORTING ALGERIAN PROPOSAL. VENEZUELA SAID NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAVE RIGHT TO RESORT TO FORCE BUT NOT TO TERRORISM AND CALLED FOR PRACTICAL MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM.

4. USSR CONDEMNED TERRORISM BECAUSE TOOK HUMAN LIVES AND BECAUSE IT ENDANGERED RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. SAID ACTION TO COMBAT TERRORISM MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND MUST INCLUDE ACTION AGAINST STATES WHICH VIOLATE THE UN CHARTER, SUCH AS ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB STATES AND UGANDA. SAID STATES MUST FIRST OF ALL ACT TO PROTECT ALIENS IN THEIR TERRITORY AND SAID US, WITH SPECIAL OBLIGATION AS HOST GOVERNMENT, HAD FAILED TO ADEQUATELY

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PROTECT NATIONALS OF USSR AND OTHERS FROM TERRORIST ATTACKS.

5. TUNISIA CONDEMNED INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WHICH IT SAID BEGAN WITH OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE BY ISRAEL WITH APPROVAL OF PRIOR COLONIAL MASTERS. SAID ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM EFFECTIVELY WAS TO ELIMINATE STATE TERRORISM SUCH AS THAT PRACTICED BY ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA. GREECE SAID THAT ALL TERRORIST ACTS ARE CRIMINAL AND SHOULD BE PROHIBITED BUT THAT BECAUSE THESE ACTS WERE OFTEN PROMPTED BY STATE ACTION, SUCH AS FOREIGN OCCUPATION, COMMITTEE MUST ALSO CALL ON STATES TO ADHERE TO CHARTER.

6. UK (FIFOOT) MADE STRONG INTERVENTION, CONCENTRATING ON REJECTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION ARGUMENT. SAID THAT SUPPORTERS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD NEVER CLEARLY STATED WHY CONCEPT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WAS BEING BROUGHT UP IN CONTEXT OF TERRORISM. ASKED

IF IT MEANT TO JUSTIFY USE OF TERRORISM BY NIM'S.
SAID BISHOP MUGABE HAD RECENTLY DENIED INVOLVEMENT
IN MURDER OF THODESIAN MISSIONARIES BECAUSE THIS
WOULD BE AGAINST CODE OF CONDUCT OF ZIPA. SAID THIS
INDICATED SOME NLM'S ADMITTED THERE WERE HUMANITARIAN
LIMITATIONS TO PERMISSIBLE STRUGGLE FOR SELF-
DETERMINATION. SAID OTHERS WERE DIRTYING NAMES OF NLM'S
BY SUGGESTING THAT THEY RESORT TO TERRORISM.

8. US EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY TO CHARGES OF UKRAINE
AND USSR THAT US HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT
FOREIGNERS FROM ACTIONS OF TERRORISTS. SAID US
CONDEMNED ALL TERRORISM AND THAT IT VIGOROUSLY PURSUED
TERRORISTS AND MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM. REFERRED
TO ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS OF TERRORISTS AND REAFFIRMED
ITS COMMITMENT TO THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO "LIFE,
LIBERTY, AND SECURITY OF PERSON."
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9. TANZANIA (KATEKA) MADE EMOTIONAL RIGHT OF REPLY TO
UK STATEMENT. SAID UK DISTORTED MUGABE STATEMENT
BECAUSE MUGABE WOULD USE ARMED STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE SELF-
DETERMINATION. ASKED IF UK PREPARED TO SAY PERSONS
USING ARMED STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION ARE
NOT TERRORISTS. SAID HE WAS NOT ADVOCATING TERRORISM BUT
ONLY SEEKING CLEAR-CUT DEMARCATION BETWEEN BANDITRY
AND RIGHTS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

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10. USSR RESPONDED TO US AND SAID VERBAL ASSURANCES OF PROTECTION WERE INSUFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE ACTION WAS NEEDED. REFERRED TO ALLEGED SHOTS RECENTLY AND STONING OF SOVIET SCHOOL BUS IN NEW YORK.

11. UK MADE SHORT REPLY TO TANZANIA EMPHASIZING THAT UK DID NOT MEAN ALL NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WERE TERRORISTS BUT ONLY THAT, AS MUGABE ADMITTED, THERE ARE SOME LIMITS ON PERMISSIBLE CONDUCT OF NLM'S.

12. CHAIRMAN (HOVEYDA) ADDRESSED COMMITTEE AND SAID THAT SPEECHES REMINDED HIM OF 1973 SESSION OF COMMITTEE, WHICH HE SAID WAS FAILURE. PLEADED WITH DELEGATES TO COMPROMISE SO THIS COMMITTEE COULD SHOW PROGRESS.

13. DURING MEETING HOVEYDA CONSULTED WITH US, UK, ALGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHERS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH OF COMMITTEE REPORT. AFTER MEETING, HOVEYDA PRESENTED HIS PROPOSAL TO US AND UK. HOVEYDA URGED COMPROMISE AND NOTED THAT REFUSAL OF US AND CANADA TO COMPROMISE IN 1973 HAD BEEN REASON COMMITTEE FAILED. INDICATED THAT HE WANTED SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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PROGRESS FROM THIS SESSION, NO MATTER HOW LITTLE. INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THIS PROGRESS COULD COME IN UNANIMOUS DENUNCIATION OF TERRORISM THAT AMOUNTED TO "BANDITRY" (I.E., NON-POLITICAL TERRORISM). SAID WHILE WEO'S AND OTHERS WANTED TO CONDEMN ALL TERRORISM, AT LEAST ALL AGREED ON CONDEMNATION OF THIS FORM OF TERRORISM.

14. WEOG MET PM MARCH 24 TO DISCUSS HOVEYDA PROPOSAL. WEOG DECIDED CONCLUDING SECTION IN COMMITTEE REPORT ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY HOVEYDA PREFERABLE TO NEGOTIATING ON ALGERIAN DRAFT. WEOG DECIDED ANY ATTEMPT TO LIMIT CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM TO CONDEMNATION OF "BANDITRY" COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. WEO'S AMENDED DRAFT PROPOSAL TO HAVE IT ACCURATELY REFLECT POSITIONS BOTH SIDES HAVE TAKEN IN DEBATE. (COPY DATAFAXED CRAWFORD-IO/HR.) UK (WEO CHAIRMAN) WILL DELIVER WEO AMENDED DRAFT TO HOVEYDA PM MARCH 24.
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